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FOOD PRICES GO DOWN IN CLUBHOUSE GRILL

Food prices in the Club grill reverted to the old lower scale on Mon., Aug. 19.

John Wilhelm, OPC past-president and now chairman of the House Operations Committee, told the *Bulletin* that the menu increase imposed two weeks earlier had been rescinded. There was no specific explanation for either action.

An *OPC Bulletin* survey on these developments concluded that most regular members of the grill felt that "all's well that ends well." Some demanded refunds, but the hamburger price remained at \$1.15, plus 15 per cent service charge.

Wilhelm's committee meets Tues., Aug. 27, to decide on various issues affecting the Club's financial situation.

Items on the agenda include:

- When can members rent rooms on the weekends again?
- When can members be served food and drink again on Sundays?
- When will the second-floor dining room be reopened to members on Saturdays, Sundays and weekday evenings?

There had been a general impression, reported in the *Bulletin*, that the shut-down on weekends would end after August. This, according to Wilhelm, is inaccurate since the matter must be decided by his committee on Aug. 27.

Amid the doldrums of the summer, as some observers noted, there seemed to be the cry: "In the fall we'll rise again!" Optimists pointed to the fact that the lobby had been redecorated—in yellow—and that there are plans for redoing the gracious old dining room.

Also under consideration is the idea of staging Wednesday night buffet-dancing events to tie with theatre matinees.

NEXT PRESS LUNCHEON SEPT. 11

There will be no Wednesday Working Press Luncheons August 28 and September 4, because of the Labor Day holiday period. The regular luncheons will be resumed on Wednesday, September 11.

Job Discrimination Is Key to Problems: Says Lowell of Human Rights Commission

By RONALD A. LANG

Amidst his words of praise for the civil rights movement in general, Stanley H. Lowell, chairman of the NYC Commission on Human Rights, expressed a note of concern lest anxious leaders of the movement tread on other civil liberties.

Speaking at this week's Press Luncheon, Lowell noted the strong push for cancellation of city and state contracts with contractors accused of discrimination in hiring.

"If we're going to cancel contracts," he said, "we can't do it simply because someone made a charge in a press release." A formal hearing must be held and testimony taken under oath.

Lowell concentrated heavily on the job aspect of discrimination in his talk, since, in his opinion, it is the key to all of the other problems.

"Equality of opportunity requires that a union be open so that any man is



Guest speaker Stanley Lowell (left) is introduced by Club president Barrett McGurn at the August 21 Working Press Luncheon.

in a position to join, not only relatives of those already in the union."

He noted that the Board of Education's High Horizons Program (extra money, teachers, facilities in certain test schools) "has proven that all the stories about the Negro's inability to compete are stuff and nonsense."

"America is going through a social revolution which is as much a revolution as we've watched in Africa since the Second World War."

And the Negro will succeed in his fight, Lowell went on, because Americans "want to live up to the image we have of ourselves."

Even the majority of the Southerners "would rather not be led by the Wallaces and Bernetts, but they're just afraid to speak up."

JOIN THESE DATES ON YOUR

CALENDAR



REMINDER: The Clubhouse is closed on Sundays until further notice.

Mon., Sept. 2 – Labor Day Holiday: Offices and Clubhouse completely closed.

Thurs., Sept. 12 – Special UN Film Night. After-dinner showing of UN films. Reservations, please. Details next issue, Sept. 7.

Mon., Sept. 16 – "Sweet 16" Bash for Ben Lucien Berman to celebrate publishing of his 16th book, "The Generals Wear Cork Hats." Time 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., tenth-floor. Details next issue, Sept. 7.

Wed., Sept. 18 – Reception & Dinner for Foreign Journalists. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Reservations. (See page 3)

NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEK

Because of the Labor Day weekend, there will be no issue of The Overseas Press Bulletin for August 31. All available announcements of Club events scheduled for the beginning weeks of September are published in this issue. Check the Calendar (left). The next issue will be published September 7.

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Overseas Ticker



Edited by AL PETERSON

BELGRADE. . . . from JOE PETERS

Only a few days after returning to Belgrade from a two-month home visit after two years abroad, the Skoplje earthquake shook me out of nostalgia. Dave Binder, NY Times, and I were the only two American correspondents to reach the disaster spot on the day it occurred. There was also Mile Markovic, the NBC-TV cameraman who beat everybody in the States with his excellent shots of the devastated city.

Markovic and I got to Skoplje about 9:00 p.m. after a 300-mile drive from Belgrade. On the outskirts of the city one could already see and feel the impact of the catastrophe with the heaps of rubble. The city was in total darkness. Our headlights could hardly penetrate it as clouds of dust still hovered above the streets.

We found our way to the radio station. It was a shambles. The "studio" and a few men operated in a pup tent on a grass plot across the street. The "operation" consisted of an army field telephone hastily set up, a couple of chairs and tables and a typewriter. Of course, there was no broadcasting. There was no equipment and no power.

Though there was only a handful of foreign correspondents who rushed down from Belgrade that first day, there was no kind of communication available in Skoplje, so we rushed to Kumanovo, about 20 miles away. There was only one line to Belgrade there and dozens of people anxious to get at it. Besides, hundreds of people who had fled from

Skoplje crowded the post office, sending out telegrams that they were safe.

After three hours waiting, I finally got to the phone but failed to get the number in Belgrade. By then it was 2:00 a.m. At dawn, after two hours of restless slumber, we returned to Skoplje. Before noon, truckloads of caskets were on the way to the morgue. The heat reached well over 90.

The entire government apparatus operated from tents set up in a park. Among the tents was the "Office of the Secretariat for Information". That, too, was the newspapermen's hq. All day new groups of newsmen arrived from all parts of the world, most of them tired, thirsty and hungry, but on the job. The army brought us bottles of mineral water, some bread and cheese. That's all most of us had for 24 hours.

We finally got a direct line to Belgrade via an army telephone set up in our tent. One can imagine all (by then, some 200) correspondents trying to get hold of the line. Yet it worked somehow.

Aside from the unexpected quake disaster, Yugoslavia has become a news spot which keeps and will keep the U.S. correspondents busy for a few weeks. Secy of Agriculture Orville Freeman, making the rounds of communist countries,

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Dr. GROSS EVALUATES NYC SCHOOL PROBLEMS

By ED EDWIN

A reserve of manner disguised the combativeness of Dr. Calvin E. Gross, New York City Superintendent of Schools, as he evaluated his problems at an OPC Open House Tuesday night.

"I would have been disappointed if (this job) had been a picnic," he said in response to a question, asking if he had anticipated being more "political" than "educationalist." It was his view that negotiating an array of disputes — which was what was meant by "political" in this query — "is part of the game." He made clear that he had been completely briefed about what he would get into.

OPC President Barrett McGurn introduced the guest as a man facing "uniquely difficult problems" of "the most staggering" proportions. In softly presented cadence, Gotham's top schoolmaster revealed insight into "the hierarchy of the system of the (school) system." He viewed it as too centralized to be manageable, and he deplored the handling of teacher applications — to the obvious

delight of a bureaucratically rebuffed teacher attending as a member's guest.

Teachers are told, Dr. Gross noted, "We love you — come teach in New York." But after applying, they may have "a horror tale" to tell. At the same time, he credited "small people in small places" with getting educational missions done well.

During an hour-long question period, Dr. Gross directly answered a range of probes on controversial topics.

He viewed New York City school curricula as "models that are in libraries. ...but they don't get used (here)." In fielding a question about Negro and Puerto Rican complaints over antiquated vocational instruction, he suggested that "the whole vocational system of the United States is out of date," that the criticism is hardly restricted to Negro and Puerto Rican communities. But he wondered where "to get teachers to teach what would be needed five years from now." He also outlined problems of the teachers' strike threat and of integration demands.

Despite difficulties, Dr. Gross accepted his job with a philosophical, "I think it's going to be a lot of fun."

Latin American Newsmen To Be Honored at Club

Thirteen top newspaper executives from nine Latin American countries will be honored with a reception and dinner at the Clubhouse on Wed., September 18.

The guests are members of a Latin American seminar held by the American Press Institute of Columbia University. They include editors and publishers of major newspapers in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico and Uruguay.

The Foreign Journalists Liaison and Inter-American Affairs Committees are joining in sponsorship of the program, which will include a panel discussion among the guests.

EDITOR DOBARRO INTERVIEWED

A special press conference was held at the OPC last Wed., Aug. 21, for Carlos V. Dobarro, editor-in-chief of Argentina's popular morning daily *El Mundo*. Dobarro was visiting the States for a few weeks in connection with the new Buenos Aires' afternoon newspaper *El Siglo*, which starts publication on September 21.

The OPC meeting was headed by Inter-American Affairs Committee chairman Alberto Cellario of *Life en Espanol*.

BULLETIN AD CAMPAIGN HEADED BY J.W. SETHER

A campaign to build up the advertising revenues of the *Overseas Press Bulletin* is announced by Paul Grimes, *New York Times*, new chairman of the *Bulletin* Committee.

Grimes has appointed J. Wendell Sether, associate publisher and eastern manager of *The American Press* magazine, to head up the campaign.

As a first step, the *Bulletin* will be listed in *Standard Rate & Data Service*, which will make full information about rates, audience and deadlines available to all advertising agencies, for the first time. The listing will start with *SRDS*' October issue.

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dropped in accompanied by Charles Bailey of the Cowles Publications Washington Bureau; **Eugene Kramer**, AP-Warsaw; and Harold Banks, VOA. His visit got a lot of space in the Yugoslav press — he had relayed the good news that the U.S. was giving \$50 million for the rebuilding of Skoplje (half an outright gift, the rest long-term credit).

On Aug. 20, Khrushchev comes to return Tito's visit to Moscow last spring. . . . Secy of Commerce Luther Hodges will attend the Zagreb Fair early Sept., which will be followed by a visit of a U.S. congressmen group to participate in the Interparliamentary Union session opening here Sept. 12. . . . Then comes the International Congress of Industrial Chemistry and a Chemical Fair in Belgrade, which will be attended by several thousand in the field from all over the world, including Americans and several Nobel Prize winners.

So it seems there will be no let-up for newsmen until Tito leaves on his So. American trip, probably late this fall unless — well, we don't want another earthquake and sleepless nights.

MOSCOW from JAY AXELBANK

A highlight of this month was a six-hour visit to Premier Khrushchev's Black Sea vacation estate at Pitsunda by five American correspondents.

Instead of the 20 minutes they expected — mainly for picture-taking at Khrushchev's welcome for Dean Rusk — the visit lasted the entire time that Rusk was there.

As the newsmen were being escorted by sport shirt-clad secret service men, Premier "K" got up from the table on the veranda where he was holding talks with Rusk. Peering down from the balcony, he said: "Let the correspondents go as they like, go for a stroll or go bathing — or anything they want."

The security men, taken aback for a moment, then put beach facilities at the disposal of the correspondents who were: **David Miller**, NY Herald Tribune; **Jim Bell**, visiting Time bureau chief from Bonn; Dieter Steiner, UPI photographer; AP's George Syvertsen and NBC cameraman Chris Callery.

The boys then took a dip at Khrushchev's private beach — with swimming trunks supplied by the Russians. Afterwards came a meal featuring four kinds of fish, steak and watermelon. Then the correspondents strolled around the spacious, pine tree-laden estate, taking note of the phones, seemingly everywhere. Khrushchev showed them his swimming pool which can be covered up in winter at the touch of a button, and an elevator on the outside of his main dacha

that takes him up to the top sun deck.

"The Russians really gave us VIP treatment," said Steiner, who was the "pool" photographer.

Among the correspondents who came to Moscow for the Rusk visit were Elie Abel and Martin Agronsky of NBC, John Scali of ABC, Max Frankel, NY Times, and **Bernie Redmont** of AFP and Westinghouse in Paris UPI bureau chief here **Henry Shapiro** renewed his long acquaintanceship with Adlai Stevenson at a breakfast with the UN envoy at the Sovietskaya Hotel.

MANILA

from HENRY HARTZENBUSCH

Over 20 foreign correspondents converged on Manila late last month for the week-long, three-nation summit conference on Malaysia and Southeast Asia unity. The leaders — Philippine President Diosdado Macapagal, Indonesian President Sukarno and Malaya's Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman — met in closed sessions, and their foreign ministers held working sessions around the clock for seven days. It meant little sleep for the reporters, and hours of wait as well as painstaking coverage.

"One of the roughest conferences I've ever covered," said a veteran correspondent.

The influx from abroad brought **Robert Trumbull**, NY Times, Hong Kong; Anthony Curtis, Reuters, Jakarta; Dick Myerscoff, Reuters, Kuala Lumpur; Frank Robertson, London Daily Telegraph, Hong Kong; Tony Lawrence, BBC, Hong Kong; Lee Griggs, Time-Life, Tokyo; Robert Udick, UPI, Southeast Asia, en route to Tokyo; Ted Sells, L.A. Times, Tokyo; Fred Steck, Zuercher Zeitung, Tokyo; Nihl Singh, The Statesman, Singapore; Felix Abisheganaden, Straits Times, Kuala Lumpur; I.S. Menon, Radio Malaya; and **Karsten Prager**, AP, Kuala Lumpur.

UPI's Don Becker, en route from Singapore where he did vacation relief for Pat Killen, UPI bureau mgr. in Malaya and Singapore, is spending some time in Saigon to help cover the Vietnamese war.

The Manila OPC is preparing for President's Night late this month.

CARACAS from ART DIGGLE

Victor Riesel, Hall Syndicate, with wife Evelyn and sister Yetta, here for five days on next-to-last lap of six-week LatAm tour. Besides breakfasting with Pres. Betancourt, and lunching with U.S. Amb. C. Allen Stewart (who also invited top labor leaders and Caracas editors), Riesel gave a press conference, appeared on local TV's "Meet the Press" show, conferred with leaders of Confederation

of Venezuelan Workers at special executive council session, and was feted at reception given by Embassy labor attache Juan de Zengotita. Riesel left here for Santo Domingo, last stop before home.

Passing through: **Wilson Hall**, NBC; Richard Boyce, Scripps-Howard; Milan Kubic, Newsweek; and Richard Eder, NY Times. . . . Creole PR's **Ev Bauman** decorated by Pres. Betancourt with Order of Francisco de Miranda for contributions to better understanding between U.S. and Venezuela.

OPC Chapter president **Jim Whelan**, UPI, arranging series of club lunches for contending candidates in race for Venezuelan presidency. . . . **Milt Carr**, former UPI LatAm correspondent, now on job here as director of Peace Corps. . . . Feature news pieces by UPI Mexico City byliner **Jaime Plenn** splashed large and regularly here in top dailies. . . . PanAm PR's **Tony Lutz** back from opening of new Intercontinental hotel in Frankfurt. . . . Miguel Angel Quevedo, editor of Bohemia Libre, now publishes the book out of Caracas.

MEXICO CITY . . . from JAIME PLENN

NY World Telegram News editor Ted Levine on vacation AP Zone manager **Morris Rosenberg** back from U.S. vacation Paul Good, ABC News, returned after fast trip to Santo Domingo/Haiti invasion front OPCer **O.W. Riegel**, Press & Communications professor at Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Va., on Mexican motoring tour with his family **John Morka**, UPI-NY, on vacation trip Five U.S. newsmen and one newsgal on tour of gov't oil installations under guidance of Petroleum Mexicanos, official petroleum agency. They are: Joe B. Woods, J. E. Kastrop, Lowell A. Murphy, Ken Krinner, Frank Love and Ernestine Adams, oil news reporters.

Recent Foreign Press Club visitors: William P. Mangold, New York magazine; Mal Warwick, Lima (Ohio) Citizen; Dr. Brian Briscoe, AMA Journal; Jim Sheeran, Travel Trade magazine; Jesse P. Abramson, NY Herald Trib; Kent Demaret, Houston Press; Marcel deLofftree, Paris; Frederico Guillermo Palmierie and Humberto Gonzalez Juarez, Guatemala Foreign Press Assn. board of directors named gov't press officers, Alvaro Gonzalez Mariscal of Presidency and Jose Camacho Morales of Finance Ministry, as honorary members of assn.

Charles Prescott Poore, correspondent for theater and music publications, died here recently at age 90. Among his previous jobs, he was foreign music editor for G. Schirmer, NYC, and music editor for Oakland (Calif.) Tribune. . . . Abbey Schoen, who came to Mexico with Apex News Photos in 1938, died last month.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The campaign to get an OPC commemorative stamp continues to generate enthusiastic comments:

Congressman John J. Rooney, who made many a headline keeping tabs on the State Department, helped with an August 1 insertion in the *Congressional Record* quoting the text of Mayor Wagner's appeal for an OPC silver jubilee stamp.

Senators Javits and Keating of New York and William H. McKeon, Democratic state chairman in New York, have written warm letters and John V. Lindsay, Congressman from midtown Manhattan, has sent the Post Office Department just about as glowing a summary of our civic role as could be penned. He said:

"I have never before (asked) for a commemorative postage stamp . . . I strongly believe (the OPC should have one) . . .

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Our book authors are putting solid shoulders to the wheel of the Club's financing and programming efforts. Gerold Frank (ghost of Zsa Zsa Gabor, Lillian Roth and Diana Barrymore, and author of many volumes under his own name, including "The Deed"), has taken over the grim but necessary credit job. He will set about "receiving" many thousands of dollars "receivable."

Larry Blochman, who is now on book number 36, keeps a gourmet's eye on our kitchen and even catches menu misspellings. When Sigrid Schultz spotted some mangling of foreign languages on the food list, Larry assured her that he had caught the same ones and that, in addition, he had detected "Baba à la Framboise" instead of au." He added:

"In light of your note, I have examined the daily menu for this date and found a dozen errors in French, English and plain typos" . . . Bien à toi."

Larry is working out a system to get us better spelling in all languages. Barrett McGurn



Desir (left) and ex-Pres. Magloire at OPC Press Conference Aug. 7. (Photo, AP)

Haitian Exile Leaders Hold Press Conference

H.E., Gen. Paul E. Magloire, former President of Haiti (1950-56), along with 45 other leaders of Haitian groups in exile, called for an end to the present dictatorial regime of President Francois Duvalier and pledged full support to the current military uprising being led by former Army Chief of Staff Gen. Leon Cantave, at an OPC Press Conference, Fri., August 7.

The conference was arranged and chaired by Hon. Hermann L. Desir, former Consul of Haiti and now Secretary General of the Union of Democratic Forces of Haiti.

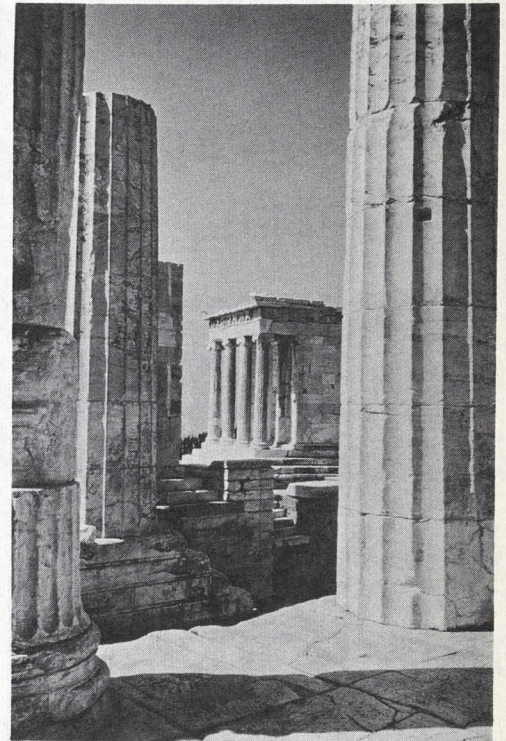
"Haitian leaders representing the exiled opposition against the dictatorship of Duvalier express their utmost support to Gen. Cantave and his brave companions, who are actually leading a military action against the unconstitutional government of Dr. Francois Duvalier," read a joint communique issued at the press conference.

Participation was notable in that it brought together spokesmen for all the principal Haitian groups in exile.

Prominent among those speaking and joining in the statement were: Dr. Gaston Jumelle, Chairman of the Parti National Haitien; Lyderie Bonaventure, Chairman of the National Union of Haitian Workers in Exile; and former Army Colonel Astrel Roland, spokesman for another major party. Jacques Armand, Louis Drouin and Dr. Albert Chassagne appeared for La Jeune Haiti organization.

Joining in the statement but unable to attend were H.E., Luc Fouché, former Haitian Ambassador to Washington and the UN, and Dr. Camille Lherisson, former Minister of Health.

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PEOPLE & PLACES

TRAVELING: WNEW Radio News exec **Dick Merson** back from Birmingham, Ala., where he covered American Guild of Variety Artists' "Salute to Freedom 1963," first performance before a racially integrated audience in that city. Dick narrowly escaped injury when rear stage, which he, Joe Louis, Martin Luther King, Harry Golden and about 100 others were sitting, collapsed in middle of performance.... **Russell F. Anderson**, director of European operations of McGraw-Hill's magazine division and publisher of two of the company's magazines in England, arrives in NYC Aug. 26 for month's stay.... **Thurston Macauley** off to Spain Aug. 16 to join wife **Doris** and son Ted at Hotel Mare Nostrum on the Costa del Sol. Doris has been summering there, writing for NANA and other publications and working on a novel about her experiences as UP correspondent in China. Thurston's doing a bullfighting book.... **B. Wierzbianski**, president and ed-in-chief of Foreign News Service, off to Switzerland and England to discuss with European editors the Seminar for Economic Editors & Writers of the Hemisphere and Europe, which takes place in Rio de Janeiro end of next month.... **John A. Brogan** just completed another busman's holiday covering Iceland, Norway, Sweden, France, England & Ireland. While on a whaling expedition in Arctic Ocean, he helped land two 60-odd ft, 40-odd ton finwhales.... **William D. Patterson**, associate publisher of *Saturday Review*, serving as advisor to UN conference on internat'l travel and tourism in Rome, August 21 - September 5.

ARTICLES: "Chiang Kai-shek's Silent Enemies" by ex-UPMgr. on Formosa **Albert Axelbank** in September Harper's.... OPCers by-lined in September Reader's Digest: **W.L. White**, **Gene Lyons**, **Joe Alex Morris**, **George Kent**, **Karl Detzer**, **James Dugan**, **Harland Manchester**, **David Reed**, **John Strohm**.... Free-lance photog **Arthur Schatz**'s 8-page feature in *Life* on Anthony Drexel Duke's camp for boys follows two picture stories in single issue.

BOOK: "Writing as a Career," by **Norman Lobsenz**, published by Henry Z. Walck, Inc.

RADIO-TV: NBC-TV's New York reporter **Gabe Pressman** profiled in last week's New Yorker mag.... **Mark Olds**, WINS gen. mgr., narrating documentary editorial on civil rights, scheduled for late August.

NEW POSTS: **Lincoln Haynes**, formerly associate ed of *SatEvePost*, becomes PR director for San Juan, P.R., office of Sontheimer & Co.

THANKS: OPC staffer **Jim Lopez** back on bar deck, expresses thanks to members for their cards and telegrams.

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After Apex, he was connected with the U.S. Embassy here and in Santiago, Chile, then returned here and for several years operated a press clipping service.

LA PAZ... from PATRICK E. NEIBURG

U.S. newsmen "discovered" Bolivia, as the Bolivian government came to a show-down with miners over the rehabilitation of the nationalized mines. The most significant event since the Bolivian revolution in 1952, which prematurely brought to Bolivia the reforms envisaged under the Alliance for Progress, attracted to La Paz the following newsmen:

Mike Kubic, Newsweek; Gavin Scott and Moises Garcia, Time; Charles Tasnadi, Life; Juan de Onis, NY Times; Julia Edwards, NANA; Nathan Miller, Baltimore Sun; Henry Lee, Journal of Commerce; David Brewen, The Reporter; Arthur Bonner, CBS; Tom Stone, AP.

Almost all called on your correspondent (USIS) who enjoyed throwing them a cocktail party at home.

Following inauguration of President Belaunde in Peru, Asst. Secy of State Edwin M. Martin came to Bolivia for a first-hand look-see and made a quick tour by air of the country. President Paz Estenssore put his plane at the disposal of U.S. newsmen so that they could follow the Asst. Secy on his fast travels to Santa Cruz and Cochabamba. Among reporters discovering with Mr. Martin the "Oriente" were Juan de Onis, Nate Miller, Mike Kubic, Mo Garcia, Henry Lee and this reporter.

Many correspondents found the altitude at La Paz (12,500 feet) hard to take, experienced some gasping for air. They also were hard-pressed by the pace set by Mr. Martin who, if anything, seemed more vigorous at this lofty height. Everybody froze in the tropical zone of Santa Cruz, where a "surasse" (cold wind) kept all in sweaters and overcoats. Quipped Nate Miller, when arriving at Cochabamba: "It's nice to come out of the tropics and experience some warm weather."

WASHINGTON... from JESSIE STEARNS

Pres. Kennedy and other nat'l leaders paid final tribute Aug. 6 to Philip L. Graham, late pres. of Washington Post, Newsweek, Art News, Portfolio and WTOP-TV-AP and FM in Washington, and WJXT, Jacksonville, Fla. Officials attending the service included Atty Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, Secy of the Treasury Douglas Dillon, and Felix Frankfurter, retired Supreme Court Justice. Memorial service was held in Washington Cathedral.

Friends here sorry over loss of 28-year-old Anita Ehrman, who died recently in her Washington apartment of natural causes — pulmonary heart failure. Anita was reporter for the Washington Post and Times Herald, Hearst Headline Service and UPI.

Freedom of Press Comm.
Cable on Yuan Arrest

OPC President Barrett McGurn has cabled Chiang Kai-shek, President of The Nationalist Republic of China, expressing his concern about the arrest of Albert Yuan of Agence France Press.

McGurn acted in response to a letter from Loren W. Fessler, of Time magazine's Book Division, on Aug. 18.

UPI reported on Aug. 9 that Yuan was arrested May 28, booked for espionage, and indicted for sedition by the military court of the Taiwan garrison command.

UPI said a reliable source stated that Yuan, 50, was accused of collecting secret military information and seriously undermining the security of Nationalist China.

UPI continued: "If found guilty, he would face a sentence ranging from 10 years to death. There was no explanation why the charge was sedition instead of espionage."

FREE-LANCE PHOTOGRAPHERS
— NOTE —

Grolier Inc. reports that photographers traveling to foreign countries would be most helpful if they would send in a list of countries photographed and plans for future trips. Photos are being used for a book currently being revised. Both color transparencies and black and white are needed. Please indicate which. Usual rates. Write: Grolier Council, Photo Editor, 575 Lexington Ave., NYC 22. (ATTN: Gloria Hoffman).

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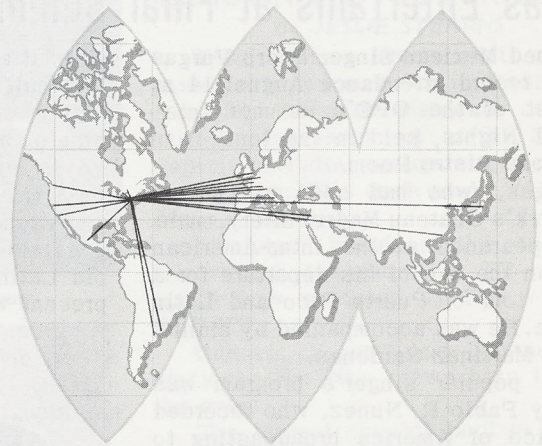
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RECENT EVENTS AT OPC

Moscow Press Conditions 'Shocking': Says Levine

By RONALD A. LANG

Foreign correspondents stationed in Moscow 40 years ago didn't know how good they had it compared to the sterile barrenness of news sources in that city today, veteran anti-Communist writer *Isaac Don Levine* told OPCers at the August 14 Press Luncheon.

The life of a Moscow correspondent today is under such control that he could, with the help of TV, Telex and *Pravda*, "perform 99% of the functions of a spot correspondent from a pasture in Finland," said Levine.

Official censorship, which existed when Levine covered Moscow news from 1919-1924, may have ended but "censorship is not needed when the government is able to extract from the soil every weed and give you barren soil for news."

"The condition of the working press" was the "most shocking thing" Levine saw in his recent return to Russia. "The conditions under which foreign correspondents (about 120 of them) live are those approximating captives."

Levine found most of them living in a single apartment house. The front entrance to the building was sealed and all visitors had to enter through a courtyard guarded 24 hours a day by Russian sentries. Photographing of visitors was routine.

Food for correspondents and their families, except for milk and bread, has



Mr. and Mrs. *Isaac Don Levine* are pictured above (June, 1963) at doorway to cabin where Stalin was born, in town of Gori, 60 miles outside Tblisi, Georgia.

to be flown in daily from Finland. And travel outside of the Moscow area is by pass only.

According to Levine, one Italian correspondent's only contact with the Russians in a year and a half was with a girl who came in each morning and read the newspaper to him.

In the 1920s you may have had to leave the country to file a story, but at least you had one to file.

Despite his absence of 39 years from Russia, Levine noted "no profound

changes as to the nature of the system." However, he "came back convinced there is not one Cold War but two."

"The first was determined by Lenin 45 years ago and is a Cold War to which Khrushchev subscribes wholeheartedly. He still means to bury us.

"The second is Stalin's Cold War - a diplomatic Cold War.

"The first Cold War is insoluble; the second is capable of being solved."

Since his recent trip was as a tourist and not a correspondent, Levine saw many areas of the Soviet Union and brought back notes on some interesting unreported developments around the country.

For example, most experts have long assumed that de-Stalinization was complete throughout Russia.

Levine found that, in Tbilisi, the Georgian birthplace of Stalin, an imposing statue of Stalin was whisked away only the night before a recent visit to that city by Khrushchev and Castro.

He also visited what he believes to be the grave of anti-party leader Kaganovitch, whose death of a heart attack was apparently never reported.

In his introductory remarks, OPC past president *Eugene Lyons* of the *Reader's Digest* had the highest praise for Levine noting that "every one of his books has made a mark on our understanding" of communism.

Vargas Entertains at Final Summer Bistro Night

Famed Mexican singer Pedro Vargas drew a record attendance August 14 at the last of the OPC's summer International Nights, held in the tenth-floor lounge and Bistro Room.

Vargas, who had been singing at New York's Chateau Madrid nitery, made his appearance at the Inter-American Night on the eve of his departure for a singing tour of Puerto Rico and Latin America. He was accompanied by pianist Chucho Martinez Cardenas.

The popular singer's program was MC'd by Pablo R. Nunez, who recorded for Voice of America broadcasting to Latin American nations.

Noting the Club's memorial plaques, Vargas remarked to the OPC and VOA radio audiences: "The Overseas Press Club members and World Press Center give a lot to the free world by defending the free press... we must not forget all the newspapermen who died on duty, serving the free press."

Club president *Barrett McGurn* introduced the first part of the Vargas show and *John Wilhelm*, House Operations

Committee chairman, spoke before the last half. In the absence of Bistro Committee chairman *Will Oursler*, the evening's program was headed by *Sylvia Taylor* and *Thurston Macauley*, assisted by *Sam Fridar*.

Attending were a number of Mexican officials and businessmen, as well as old Latin American hands. Among those present were: *Eugenie Pesqueira*, Mexi-



INTER-AMERICAN BISTRO NIGHT, August 14: (l. to r.) OPC prexy *Barrett McGurn*; Alfred J. Lippman, pres., Mexican Chamber of Commerce of U.S., Inc.; Chucho Martinez Cardenas; Pedro Vargas; Sam Fridar; Consul General of Mexico in NYC *Eugenio V. Pesqueira*; and *John Wilhelm*.

can Consul General in New York; Alfred J. Lippman, Mexican "Consul Honorary"; Enrique Noguera, Luis Lara Vega and Javier Almeria Beltman, also of the Mexican Consulate; Ignacio Miranda, president of Miranda Brothers; and Richard T. Turner, executive director of the U.S. Inter-American Council.

Announcement of ambitious plans for the Bistro Room's fall and winter season will be made after Labor Day.